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**Kirke Swann's 'Synoptical List of the Accipitres.'**[1]—Part IV of this work brings it to a conclusion and from the preface which accompanies it we learn that it is largely based upon the late Dr. Bowdler-Sharpe's 'Catalogue of the Accipitres in the British Museum,' the author's annotated copy with his additions having been accessible to Mr. Swann; and also upon Mr. W. L. Sclater's manuscript list of the specimens in the Museum. While the author uses subspecies extensively he does not seem to recognize intergradation as the criterion upon which they must be distinguished from species since he recognizes three 'species' of our American Sparrow Hawks, all of which are usually regarded as subspecies of *sparverius*.

He also considers that the dark Gyrfalcons which visit Canada in winter as young of *F. rusticolus candicans* rather than true *rusticolus*.

While Mr. Swann's little work summarizes our present systematic knowledge of the Accipitres it seems to indicate that much has still to be accomplished before we are prepared to satisfactorily monograph the group.—W. S.

**Bibliography of British Ornithology.**[2]—The third part of the 'Biographical Bibliography of British Ornithology' by Messrs. Mullens, Swann and Jourdain contains the contributions to county ornithology from Middlesex to Surry. One will gain some idea of the extent of the literature relating to the birds of the English counties when he finds that for Norfolk alone the authors have listed 600 titles, while the number of additions each year is constantly increasing. Few of our states can show such a bibliography while many of our counties are without any ornithological notes whatever. This work serves as an excellent illustration of the extent of intensive study of birds in Great Britian and the vast number of persons who are interested and capable of publishing local notes of value. Part four completes England and begins Wales.—W. S.

**Brook's 'The Buzzard at Home.'**[1]—This little brochure is entitled "British Birds Photographic Series" and is apparently the first of the series. It consists of twelve excellent half-tone reproductions of photographs of the European Buzzard, its nest and young, with fourteen pages

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[1] A Synoptical List of the Accipitres (Diurnal Birds of Prey). Part IV. Falconidae and Pandiones. By H. Kirke Swan. London: John Wheldon & Co., 1920. Price 4s.

[2] A Geographical Bibliography of British Ornithology from the Earliest Times to the end of 1918. Arranged under Counties, being a Record of Printed Books, Published Articles, Notes and Records Relating to Local Avifauna. By W. H. Mullens, H. Kirke Swann and Rev. F. R. C. Jourdain. Witherby & Co., 326 High Holborn, London. 1920. Part 3, 193–288; Part 4, 289–384. Price 6s. net. per part.

[1] The Buzzard at Home. By Arthur Brook, with 12 photographic plates. London: Witherby & Co. Price 3/6.